

The following articles were accidentally missed from the December newsletter.

With Sorrow:

We are sad to let our members know that one of our long-time members passed away in late-November. Len Perry was one of the earliest members, recruited (of course) by Enid, Barb Fletcher, and Linda Watson, Grands'n'More's founders. He became a member within days of the first meeting, joining with other men as active GnM participants. This role of men makes GnM pretty unique among the nation-wide "grandmothers" groups, and helps us to demonstrate that we really are "more".

He was a stalwart supporter of our efforts, although unable to be an active member in recent years. He was a gentle, kind and loving man; he is valued and missed.

NOW available

As we continue to seek ways to continue our work to support the African grandmothers, some new options can be found in our on-line store array of merchandise.

Option 1: Warm Up to Winnipeg ceased once Grands'n'More events and sales were COVID-halted. A second challenge to that project was the huge drop in the number of newcomers arriving, complicated by the organizational difficulties at Welcome Place, which used to distribute our donated scarves to their participants.

Our pivot is to offer **SCARVES FOR DONATION**. Images of the scarves are in our "store", so donors can choose a scarf, for a \$10 donation. As always, the funds will go to the SLF. This revised plan will give the donated scarves to the Bear Clan. We may add other groups later, depending on level of interest from knitters and donors.

Option 2: The second pivot is to offer scarves and other knitted items for **SALE**. The money still goes to the SLF, but purchasers get to keep the item(s) they pay for. Members received a g-mail about this in early-December. If you missed that, visit our "store" at <https://grands-n-more-winnipeg.square.site/>. If it doesn't work as a link, just paste it into your browser. Once you reach our page, go to Shop Now in the upper right-hand corner to view all our inventory. DO VISIT the on-line store, and please PROMOTE it to your contacts.

HELP WANTED

Are you a knitter? Or, do crochet? Items are needed for two categories;

Warm, practical scarves to be donated to Bear Clan, \$10.00 each. The money will go to the SLF.

Items offered for purchase – cowls, hats, mitts, headbands - preferably styles and colours geared to buyers in the 30 – 50 age group. Again, all those funds will go to the SLF Grandmothers' Campaign.

Contact jeanaltemeyer@shaw.ca if you have questions or items to donate.

CONTACTS WANTED

As our membership has aged (tho' none of us really "used" the past 20 months...), and our activities have been COVID-curtailed, we are low on new members.

In our early years, we often got members from the "newly-retired" – most often, teachers, nurses, folks from non-profit community groups, churches (especially when they hosted our potlucks). However, we haven't managed to sustain those contacts.

Maybe you have those kinds of contacts, or are willing to give us contact info so we can send them an invitation to join? We could invite folks to an info session, or make presentations at events they might be holding.